

## **Arlington Heights Responses**

### **March 30, 2005**

### **California State Historic Citrus Park**

#### **Resident #1:**

**a) A couple of years ago at the last Mayor's Night Out resident had a 25 year old problem resolved within 6 months of the meeting.**

**b) Who can be contacted to stop a neighbor from throwing his construction waste (liquid and solid) on a dirt access driveway by some Citrus trees. She has already contacted someone at 311 and learned it is not a code compliance issue because it is on private property. She is concerned about the nature of the substances and worried they could be hazardous.**

This issue was inspected by Code Compliance on April 4, 2005. They observed hardened concrete that appeared to have been dumped on the property. Staff from Code enforcement removed the concrete and overflow from the dirt area. A notice to correct (to discontinue illegal dumping) was given to the neighbor. If you have further questions, you may contact Code Compliance at (951) 826-5633.

**c) The traffic on Victoria Avenue at John Avenue is extremely noisy and exhaust fumes from large construction trucks is nauseating. The problem became worse after a stop sign was added due to construction. Will this problem get better in the near future?**

The stop sign was not installed due to construction; the sign is a permanent fixture, however, once construction is completed, large construction truck traffic should subside. If you have further questions, you may contact Senior Engineer Patricia Hudson-Castillo at (951) 826-5366.

#### **Resident #2:**

**a) Pepper trees need to be trimmed on Monroe Street. The pepper trees overhang the street and are dangerous for drivers. He and his neighbors have called 311 but the problem still exists.**

The two trees on Monroe were trimmed on April 1, 2005 by West Coast Arborists. Any similar concerns can be reported through the City's 311 call center (951) 826-5311 for all non-emergency City calls or by calling the Parks Division directly at (951) 826-6126.

**b) There are many potholes throughout the city that need to be fixed now.**

Street Division crews are surveying all streets for pothole repair. Potholes are fixed as they are found. To report potholes you may call the City non-emergency Call Center at (951) 826-5311 or the Street Division of Public Works at (951) 351-6127.

**c) Monroe Street and Adams Avenue and Bratton Avenue have storm drains that are clogged up. When it rains the streets become very slippery and dangerous to drive on.**

All the drains on these streets were checked and found to be clean, clear and functioning properly. The enormous amount of rain did cause problems with mud, especially on

Monroe. The Street Division is making some changes on the south end of Monroe to remedy some of these problems. These drains will be checked and monitored closely. If you have further questions you may call Street Maintenance Supervisor Ken Jolly at (951) 351-6127.

**Resident #3:**

**a) The pepper trees on Monroe Avenue are dangerous to drivers because it makes the two-lane street a one-lane street, what can be done about them?**

The two trees on Monroe were trimmed on 4/1/2005 by West Coast Arborists. Any similar concerns can be reported through the City's 311 call system at (951) 826-5311 or by calling the Parks Division directly at (951) 826-6126.

**b) Commended the fire department for their good work last July.**

**c) Ditches become silted during the rain making the storm water run over on Monroe Street during the rain.**

Streets is making some changes in the direction of the water flow on Monroe and reinforcing the berms to help diminish the mud runoff. There will always be some runoff at this location. If you have further questions, you may call Street Maintenance Supervisor Ken Jolly at (951) 351-6127.

**Resident #4:**

**Resident lives on Monroe Street and Dufferin Avenue and has new trash containers and noticed some other residents on the same street have different ones. Why do some residents have to have the automatic trashcans and others do not?**

The automation of the Arlington Heights area incorporated a survey of all residences encompassed within it. It was determined that some houses were not accessible with an automated truck and would remain on manual service, while other properties that could be serviced by an automated truck were changed from manual service to automated service. This accounts for properties in the same area having different services. For more information, contact Deputy Public Works Director Siobhan Foster at (951) 826-5341.

**Resident #5:**

**Resident saw the drawings for the new Arlington Library and wants the design to be consistent with the style of the existing building. The current plans will mar it with a modern addition. Isn't there some design that has the same style and beauty?**

A subcommittee of the Cultural Heritage Board met with the architect and reviewed several revisions to the Magnolia Avenue frontage. Several modifications were agreed to by the subcommittee. The revised design was presented to the Library Board on March 28 and approved for submission to the full Cultural Heritage Board. The Cultural Heritage Board met on April 20 to review the revised design and issued a certificate of appropriateness for the new design, which borrows several architectural elements of the historic structure. The Arlington Library project next goes to the Planning Commission for Conditional Use Permit. For more information, contact Library Director Judith Auth at (951) 826-5213.

**Resident #6:**

**A Shamel ash tree and its roots have destroyed her sidewalk, driveway, and lifted the corner of her garage. She also had to replace some of her sewer line. Some of the costs for the sewer line were reimbursed. The tree sheds debris, is ugly and bothersome. She would like it taken down. Can the tree be taken out and replaced with another one?**

The Shamel ash tree was removed on April 13, 2005 by West Coast Arborists. Any similar concerns can be reported to the City's 311 Call Center at (951) 826-5311 or by calling the Parks Division directly at (951) 826-6126.

**Resident #7:**

**Residents invited to Block Party June 4. SANWA will be honoring Council Member Adkison.**

The South Arlington Neighborhood Watch Association is hosting its Block Party at and around the home at 2862 Calle Sausalito on June 4. Call SANWA event coordinator Margie Broh at (951) 217-2913 for more information.

**Resident #8:**

**a) There are street lights in Berkshire Hills are dim and need to be cleaned.**

A repairman went out to the street in early April and fixed two lights that were dim. In addition to this, within the next two months, mercury vapor street lights (which are currently featured on Pontoosuc Avenue) will be changed out to high-pressure sodium streets lights. These should provide greater illumination.

**b) Is there a way to connect Arlington Heights to Victoria Avenue by a sidewalk or trail?**

Most of the Arlington Heights neighborhood falls under the provisions of voter-approved Prop R and Measure C, which require the infrastructure in the area to be compatible with agricultural uses. This means that the streets in the neighborhood will only have asphalt pavement without concrete curbs or sidewalks. However, the Trail Master Plan designates several trails connecting the neighborhood with Victoria Avenue. If you have additional questions, you may call Senior Engineer Patricia Hudson-Castillo at (951) 826-5366.

**c) The curb, gutter and sidewalk on Madison Avenue from Victoria Avenue to Dufferin Avenue need to be cleaned.**

This street was swept on April 6, 2005 and will be swept again on its usual schedule, Wednesday, April 20, 2005. If you have further concerns, you may contact Street Maintenance Supervisor Ken Jolly at (951) 351-6127.

**d) There is a pepper tree at Prenda Street and Pontoosuc Avenue that hinder the distance drivers can see especially when buses are turning. Can the tree be removed?**

Because falling limbs were causing a hazard, the tree on Prenda was removed on March 31, 2005 by West Coast Arborists. Any similar concerns can be reported through the

City's 311 call system at (951) 826-5311 or by calling the Parks Division directly at (951) 826-6126.

**d) The home on the west-side of Washington Avenue south of Lenox Avenue creates a major sight problem for drivers. Can the house be removed or the street re-aligned in such a way that it does not hinder the drivers' view?**

A review of the City's collision database indicates there is no history of accidents at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Dufferin Avenue. An engineering study has been conducted and the intersection at Washington Avenue and Dufferin Avenue does not meet Traffic Signal warrants or Caltrans multi-way stop warrants. If you have additional questions, you may call Senior Engineer Patricia Hudson-Castillo at (951) 825-5366.

**e) There are some streets in Berkshire Hills need to be repaved.**

All of the streets in the Berkshire Hills were paved in 2003. The City will need to identify the specific streets in question. You may call Engineer Philip Hannawi in Public Works Engineering at (951) 826-5706.

**Resident #9:**

**There are some bad potholes on Van Buren Avenue at Victoria Avenue and Dufferin Avenue 100 yards West of Van Buren Avenue. Who is responsible for repairing them?**

These potholes were repaired in early April. Public Works crews will survey this area for any other repairs that are needed. If you have further questions, you may call Street Maintenance Supervisor Ken Jolly at (951) 351-6127.

**Resident #10:**

**The house on Washington Avenue between Dufferin Avenue and Lenox Avenue is very dangerous coming out from both streets on to Washington Avenue. Can caution lights be put up or can something else be done to slow down traffic in that area?**

A review of the City's collision database indicates there is no history of accidents at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Dufferin Avenue. An engineering study has been conducted and the intersection at Washington Avenue and Dufferin Avenue does not meet Traffic Signal warrants or Caltrans multi-way stop warrants. The use of caution lights at this location would be inconsistent with guidelines. If you have additional questions, you may call Senior Engineer Patricia Hudson-Castillo at (951) 825-5366.

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**(951) 826-5311**